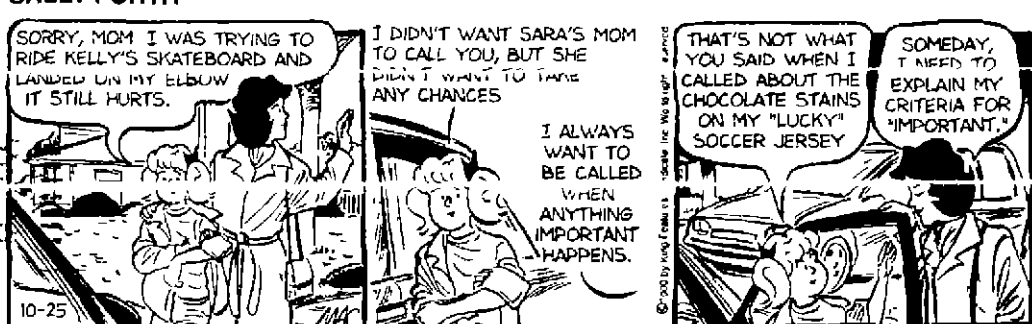


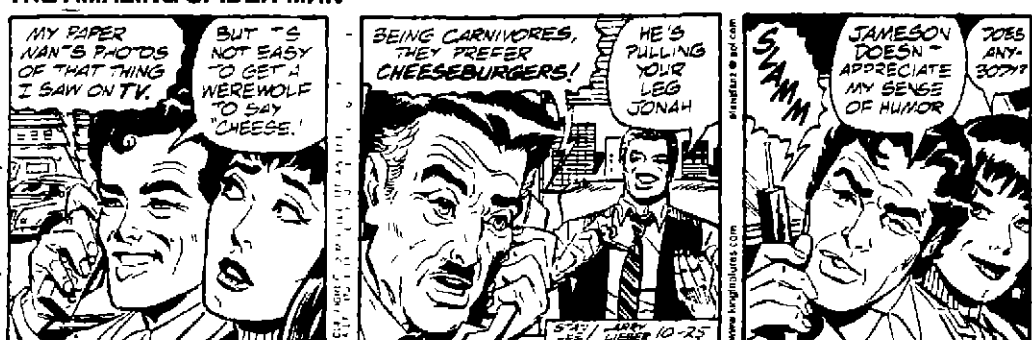
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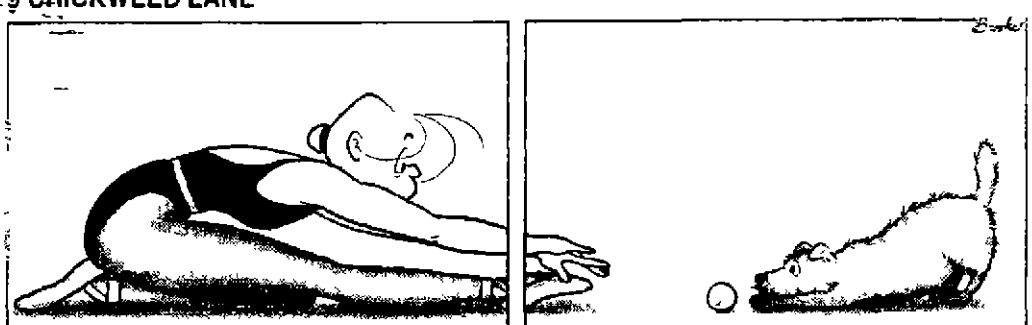
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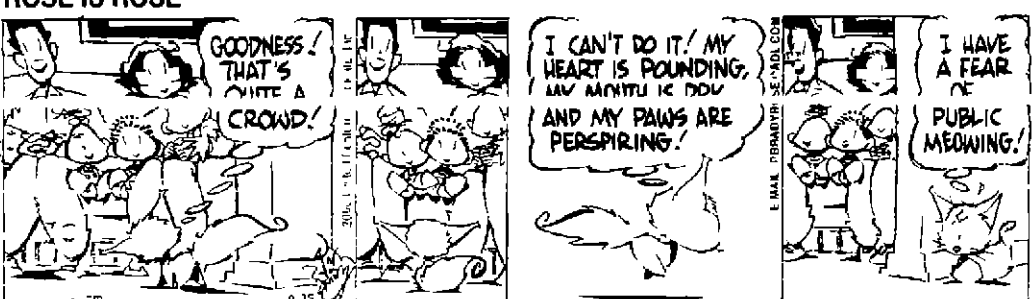
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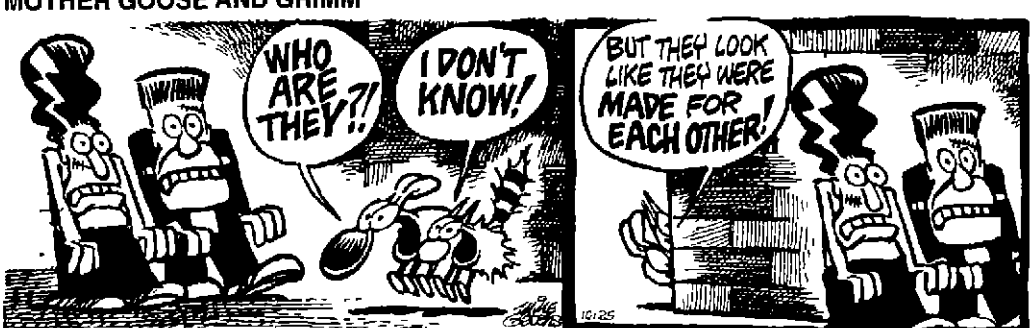
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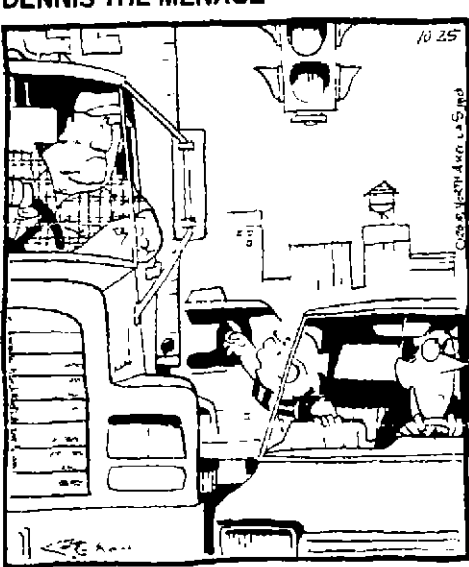
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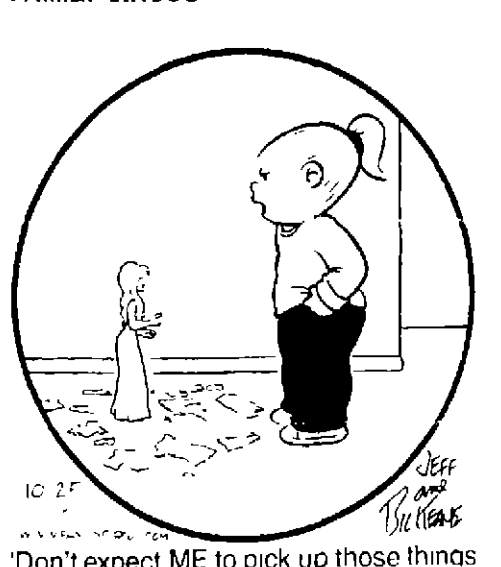
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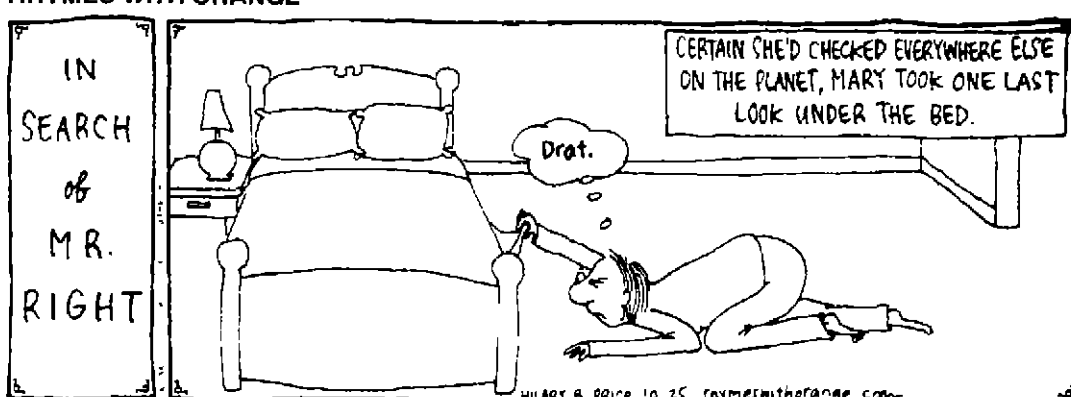
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



"Did Ralph ask if he could have the afternoon off?"

Today's Birthdays

Jazz musician Chubby Jackson is 82. Actor Billy Barty is 76. Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 76. Actress Marion Ross is 72. Actor Tony Franciosa is 72. Country singer Jeanne Black is 63. Singer Helen Reddy is 59. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 56. Singer Taffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 56. Rock musician Glen Tipton (Judas Priest) is 52. Actor Brian Kerwin is 51.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions. Words to find: YARN, RIT, LIT, SIT, OIL, AIR, PAT, LIT, XUL, ULA, EIT, EIT, ILE, EIT, MLI, GZ, AIL. PAR SCORE 115-125 by JUDD. FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN. DIRECTIONS: Match letters to find words. Letters are worth points: A=1, C=4, D=4, E=1, F=4, G=4, H=4, I=1, J=8, K=4, L=1, M=4, N=1, O=1, P=4, Q=10, R=4, S=1, T=1, U=1, V=4, W=4, X=4, Y=4, Z=10. Words to find: YARN, RIT, LIT, SIT, OIL, AIR, PAT, LIT, XUL, ULA, EIT, EIT, ILE, EIT, MLI, GZ, AIL. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10/26/00.

For solution, see Classified

WORD SLEUTH

WORDS WITH "SIS"

W Z W T S T Q N K H D R A X U  
R S U B S I S T S P O M J G D  
A X V C O N S I S T E N T S Q  
N K I A F I S O S D A X N V T  
Q T S I S E D I R R O M E J C  
H I F S M C S A S E E Y T W R  
S U A E R E P N L Y L P S J I  
H F N D R B Z X V T L C I R S  
Q O M K I H F D B Z Y A S W I  
V T R E N I T S I S P O N Y S  
Q O N L K I H F D C A Z I A X

Tuesday's unlisted clue LEXICON  
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Wednesday's unlisted clue hunt A CRUCIAL SITUATION  
Analysis: Insist, Persist, Satire  
Assist, Insistent, Resist, Substist  
Consistent, Nemesis, Resistor, Synopsis  
Desist, Oasis, Sclerosis  
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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Oct. 26  
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If you have not already asked for feedback from your peers, do it now.  
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It is a good time to interact with others in a social setting.  
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Authority figures will notice that you are well-spoken, logical and entertaining.  
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might have trouble accepting change, especially since you are quite sure where the changes will take place.  
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You are the center of attention, your words are magical.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Amorphous beings and vague ideas seem to have taken over your world.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are a flirtatious beautiful magical creature.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are exhausted by recent events and at last feel like letting someone else take control!  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The input of many minds will make the quality of work stronger and better.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) This is a perfect time to begin a large, complicated project.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your words might have more of an effect than you would have thought.  
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Do not procrastinate in dealing with uncomfortable situations.

ACES

By Rabbie Wolf  
South won his diamond ace, drew trumps and cashed dummy's club ace. A club finesse lost, and West led another diamond to East's king. East now found the spade shift, and West collected two spade winners for a quick one down. Against South's line of play, there was scant chance for the defense to slip. Would less speed and more thought have helped South make the game? The game is cold against any defense. When East plays his diamond queen on West's jack, South must duck. If East shifts to spades, South's nine goes to West's queen, but the defense is finished. After South wins West's exit, he draws trumps and leads a second spade to his 10 to drive out West's ace. South's spade king allows a club discard in dummy, eliminating the need for a club finesse. Does a club shift at trick two (or a diamond continuation) change matters? No. Dummy's ace wins, and South cashes his diamond ace. A trump to dummy allows South to ruff dummy's last diamond, and South leads another trump to dummy to lead a spade. South's nine goes to West's queen, but West has no safe lead. South enjoys a free finesse or a ruff and sluff, limiting the defenders to only three tricks.

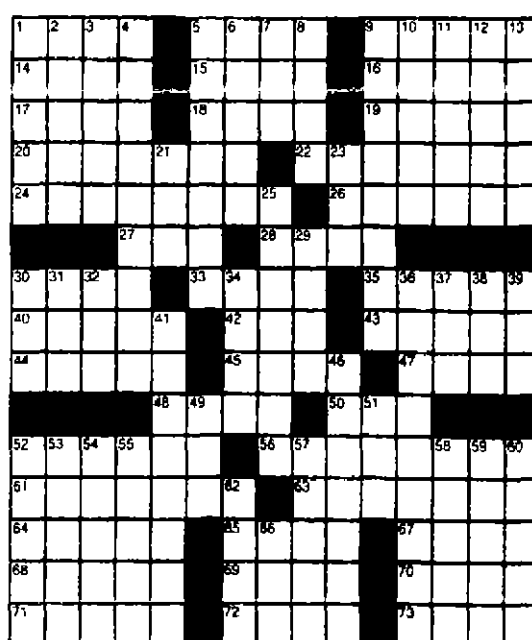
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0913

- ACROSS  
1 Price of a movie?  
5 Word  
9 Some figures on the Parthenon  
14 Jacob's twin  
15 Leave the stage  
16 Become harvestable  
17 Begin to wake up  
18 Duchamp's art movement  
19 Easy  
20 British conservative doctrine  
22 Athenian or Cornithian  
24 Place for a bar  
26 "Carmen" and "Norma"  
27 Bannockburn boy  
28 Laverne and Shirley's landlady  
30 Roger  
33 Beige  
35 Santa Anita doings  
40 Composer Schubert  
42 Yahoo! competitor  
43 Miracle Whip maker  
44 Al \_\_\_\_ (cooked yet firm)  
45 Delta deposit  
47 Nervous  
48 Org. in which Colin Powell once served  
50 Today in Tijuana  
52 Mat villains, often  
56 Tight-fisted folk  
61 Oval  
63 Drive back  
64 Forest clearing  
65 Jimmy  
67 Lavish affection (on)  
68 Gourmand  
69 Saxophone part  
70 At any point  
71 What foxhounds try to catch  
72 Wraps up  
73 Football linemen  
DOWN  
1 What two-piece suits lack  
2 Refort in a playground argument  
3 Nigerian currency  
4 Agave  
5 Nightstand spot  
6 Closing period in a semester  
7 Abel  
8 Six-sided state  
9 Part of Manhattan  
10 Passenger train feature  
11 Passenger train feature, maybe  
12 Isabela, por ejemplo  
13 Olden daggers  
21 Girl sweet as apple cider  
23 Long stretch  
25 Herculean efforts  
29 Lackluster  
30 Mat abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

JAMB HAUU IMAMS  
ORAL OMDO NATAL  
TAXI TASK QUOTA  
BITESTHEBULLET  
ZEE ROI LYE  
ASP LAPP SRS  
CHEWSTHESCENERY  
TONE EPI ULEE  
SWALLOWSTHEBAIT  
KIM IZOD MDI  
AVA PIA LEM  
DIGESTSTHENEWS  
ITALY HEED ZEAL  
ORION EGRO ZERO  
SONIC SHOP OKAY



Puzzle by Jim Morton  
31 Load from a lode  
32 Padole  
33 Playbill list  
36 Is it O.K. if I come in?  
37 One who may be slapped  
38 Alphabet two  
39 Pigs' digs  
41 Absolutely nothing  
46 Clothes, slangily  
49 CIA predecessor  
51 Alley  
52 Sire  
53 Object of many prayers  
54 Old school item  
55 Alms (with)  
57 Belief system  
58 Item kept on hand  
59 Word with poly  
60 Prognosticators  
62 Land west of Wales  
66 Quiet sanctuary  
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